

REMARKS

Pursuant to the agreement reached between the Examiner and the undersigned in the telephonic interview held on March 7, 2008, and in order to forward the present application toward allowance, the above-identified patent application has been amended to address grammatical and antecedent basis issues and to more specifically define the claimed invention, and specifically those features that differentiate the claimed invention from the cited references. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested, as well as an expedited indication of allowance of the claims as currently pending.

It should be noted, however, that the amendments set forth herein are not an admission by the Applicant that the claims as previously presented are anticipated by and/or unpatentable in view of the cited references. Indeed, Applicant reserves the right to pursue such claims, or others, in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The

Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

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